MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Only 31 out of the total number of applications conformed to the rules of the Medical College; and of these 31, Government selected the best candidates.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): What was the basis for the selection?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Graduate qualification is not necessary for the Medical College. There were 2 first class graduates and 2 first class intermediates; and all of them have been selected. The marks obtained, by the candidates in the University Examination, particularly in physics and chemistry, were also taken into account.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): How many of the applicants were ladies?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Ten if I remember right.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know the religious denomination to which the 2 ladies, who have been selected, belong?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I shall give the names so that the member may find it out for himself; Miss Rosamma John and Miss Mary Eapen.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Are there Christians also among the men selected?

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): There are.

PRESIDENT The Secretary has just now informed the member that the best candidates have been chosen; the question of caste does not therefore arise.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is any of the two ladies selected a graduate?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Did the Medical Board send up any recommendation as to the selection?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; they simply forwarded the list of applicants; and Government made the selection.

Construction of a road from the Kottar-Dharmapuram road to the Karavilla channel.

355. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were repeated petitions from the villagers of Poovankudiyur, Pazhavillai, Kidangaravillai, Vilattivillai, Pathankadu, Vairakudiyiruppu and other places for opening a cart road from the 4th mile, 3rd furlong of the Kottar-Dharmapuram road to the Karavilla channel bank through Poovankudiyur;

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[Mr. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

(*b*) whether there was any budget allotment for the proposed work in 1107, and, if so, whether any amount was spent;

(*c*) how many years it is since the estimate for the work has been sanctioned; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the petitioners are put to difficulties during the monsoon floods and when the fields are under cultivation?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No estimate has been sanctioned.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference part (*a*), may I know the date of the oldest petition?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not available.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the date of any petition?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information too is not available now.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government in the habit of recording the dates of communications received by them?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes; but you can get the dates only from the register and not always from the file?

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know whether any estimate was prepared?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Period during which Mr. Eipe Matthai, Assistant Inspector of English Schools, has been at Kottayam.

336. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state how long it is since Mr. Eipe Matthai, Assistant Inspector of English Schools, Kottayam, was posted to that place?

MR. K GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Eight years, *i. e.* from 21-11-1099.

Statement, by caste, of appointments of Inspectresses of Vernacular Schools made during the last one year.

337. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of those who were appointed permanently or temporarily as Inspectresses of Girls' Schools during the last one year, ending with the 15th Mithunam 1107?

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